

**MONMOUTHSHIRE AND BRECON CANAL
CRUMLIN ARM WORKING GROUP
20TH SEPTEMBER 2005**

PARTNERSHIPS

Monmouthshire & Brecon Canals Regeneration Partnership (MBCRP).

1. The MBCRP comprises, in alphabetical order, the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, British Waterways, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Environment Agency, Monmouthshire Brecon and Abergavenny Canals Trust, Monmouthshire County Council, Newport City Council, Powys County Council and Torfaen County Borough Council.
2. The Partnerships objectives are to protect, maintain, improve, restore and develop the 80km regional canal network.
3. The MBCRP Officer Working Group meets on a monthly basis and the Member Steering Group meets quarterly.
4. At its most recent meeting on 2nd September the MBCRP Member Steering Group instigated measures implement agreement of a formal Memorandum of Understanding for the Partnership. It is anticipated that Partnership members will be duly authorised by their respective bodies to commit to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding prior to the next meeting of the Member Steering Group scheduled for 2nd December 2005.

Monmouthshire, Brecon and Abergavenny Canals Trust (MBACT)

5. MBACT is a regional volunteer body of canal users, enthusiasts and supporters of canal restoration. The MBACT is a full and very active member of the Regional Canal Partnership. The MBACT's long-standing role in practical support of canal restoration projects is recognised by the Authority by inclusion on this Working Group.

Islwyn Canal Association (ICA).

6. ICA is a local volunteer body of canal users, enthusiasts and supporters of canal restoration. In the past 18 months good working relationships have been established between the ICA and the Authority in relation to canal use, enhancement and development. Examples being the joint ICA/MBACT "Canal Awareness Day" held in April 2005 and the ICA's recent success in securing funding to allow installation of additional seats at agreed locations along the Canal.

Pontywaun Boat Club (PBC).

7. In June 2005 the Authority was made aware of the existence of this Boat Club that states its interest in the Pontywaun to Darren Road stretch of the Canal. The PBC states that it is a member of the National Community Boats Association – Boating for the Disabled. No further contact has been received from the PBC since June 2005 and it should be noted that the PBC have yet to seek formal approval from the Council for use of any craft on the Canal.